



# GERMANS LAUNCH ATTACK TO SOUTHEAST OF YPRES

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# HARD FIGHTING CONTINUED AT LAST ACCOUNTS

## As Is Usual the Attack Was Made After a Heavy Preliminary Bombardment—Unofficial Reports Indicate That the Engagement Was Only of Divisional Strength—South of La Clytte the French Have Penetrated German Advanced Positions—On the Other Battle Fronts the Operations Continue of a Minor Character.

What possibly may prove to be the prelude to the long-expected resumption of hostilities by the Germans on the western front is being played. Southeast of Ypres, from the region of Voormeselle to La Clytte, the Germans have launched an attack against the British and French troops holding the line and at certain points over the five mile battle front they have met with some success by penetrating front line trenches. Apparently, however, over the greater part of the field of combat they met with repulse.

As is usual, the enemy began the attack after a heavy preliminary bombardment. The ground gained is south of Diekebusch lake and in Ridge wood, around which places hard fighting was continued at last accounts.

The objective of the enemy seems to be the pushing forward of his line in this region in order still further to outflank Ypres on the southwest and press on toward Dossinghe and the railway line running between that town and Ypres.

As yet only meagre advice has come through concerning the nature of the engagement, but unofficial reports indicate that it was made only in divisional strength.

On the remainder of the front in Flanders and Picardy attacks and small operations continue on isolated sectors. The French south of La Clytte have penetrated German advanced positions and taken prisoners and the Austrians east of Amiens have again pitched in and taken over portions of the German line. The artillery activity has been particularly heavy on both banks of the Aisne, southwest of Amiens and on the sectors in Picardy held by the American troops. On the Toul sector the Americans for the first time have opened against the Germans with their heavy artillery.

On the other battle fronts the operations continue of a minor character. In Mesopotamia the British have advanced their line within 80 miles of Mosul, capturing the town of Kerkuk, which the Turks evacuated without giving battle.

The report that the American army in France was fast becoming a factor of great importance in the war have been confirmed by Secretary of War Baker.

# INDUSTRIAL WORKERS TRY TO INTIMIDATE JURY

## Counsel For Defense Threatens to Withdraw From the Case.

Chicago, May 8.—A split in the ranks of the Industrial Workers of the World, 112 of whom are on trial here for a sedition conspiracy, resulted today when counsel for the defense threatened to withdraw from the case unless an attempt to practice sabotage against the federal district court is halted immediately.

Judge R. M. Landis had just warned the defendants that further attempts to place I. W. W. periodicals where jurors might find them would not be tolerated, when George P. Vanderveer, chief counsel for the defense and a conservative leader, withdrew before the prisoners and shouted:

"If any more papers are brought into this building threatening I will sue in event of a verdict of guilty, we quit."

"Aren't you making love to the government, Vanderveer?" asked one of the radicals.

"We have been patient too long with your radical moves, and one more means a threat," he replied.

The publication to which Judge Landis called attention, the Industrial Worker of Seattle, warned the court, government and jurors that "250,000 I. W. W. members are awaiting the verdict" and will remember.

Judge Landis characterized it as a clear attempt to practice sabotage against the court and jury.

# CAUGHT SPYING ON THE AMERICAN LINES.

## German-American Had Aided a German Prisoner to Escape.

With the American Army in France, May 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—The first German-American to be caught spying on the American lines is safely in custody.

Behind the characterization of traitor to his country, contained in the report of his arrest, is the story that he aided a German prisoner to escape. Both men drew American officers' uniforms and entered the line from the rear in the late afternoon. They said they were studying the ground between the lines with a view to using tanks and asked to be allowed to cross the lines. The officer to whom they made the request soon discovered the ruse and ordered them arrested on the spot. There it was found that one of the men was a German and that the German-American was his accomplice.

# CALL MADE FOR 5,813 DRAFT REGISTRANTS

## With Special Qualifications—All States Except Nevada and Utah.

Washington, May 8.—A call for 5,813 draft registrants with special qualifications was made today on all states except Nevada and Utah. The men are ordered to go to camp on June 1 and are distributed through the following branches of the army: 3,120 to the corps of engineers; 160, ordnance department; 225, medical department; 1,000 veterinary corps, medical department; and 110 quartermaster corps.

Local boards were instructed to accept men presenting themselves for voluntary induction until May 20. If by that time enough men to fill the army's requirements are not obtained, boards will proceed to draft the men needed.

# SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN THE AUSTRIAN FLEET

## Were Put Down With Great Difficulty—Change in High Command.

Washington, May 8.—Serious disturbances in the Austrian-Hungarian fleet have caused changes in the high command, a dispatch today from Switzerland said. The news, conveyed largely by cable, stated that an Italian descent had made a great deal of trouble and the disturbances were put down with difficulty.

# Cabled Paragra

British Mission Arrives in Brazil. A Brazilian Port, May 8.—A British mission to Brazil, headed by Sir Maurice Bunsen, arrived here.

# Iron Cross For Von Hertling.

Berlin, via London, May 8.—It is officially announced that Emperor William bestowed the Iron Cross, first class, on Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling on the occasion of signing peace with Rumania.

# AUTHORITIES TO ACT IN REMINGTON STRIKE

## Government is Making an Investigation Into Wage Conditions.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 8.—The military and civil authorities have taken a hand in strike conditions which today brought 400 machinists, tool gauge and die makers from the plant of the Remington Arms company.

In a letter addressed to munition workers, Brigadier General C. C. Williams, chief of ordnance, U. S. A., has declared that the government is instituting investigation into the strike conditions here and soon expects to reach a definite conclusion. Any increase will be effective as of May 1. He also says that the work now being done is for General Forces and that loyalty will dictate every man continuing until the controversy can be adjusted.

Draft officials have asked that lists of "makers previously granted conditional discharges from the draft be furnished that they may be examined at once and sent into military service. Under the new ordinance approved by the common council Monday, designed to prevent voluntary unemployment, labor leaders here admit that the police may force strikers into other lines of work necessary to the government, and it is confidently expected that such action will be taken at the expiration of a week's time if the men still are out.

# SIXTEEN WORKMEN WERE CAUGHT IN CAVEIN

## In a Subway Excavation in Brooklyn—It is Believed Four Were Killed.

New York, May 8.—Sixteen workmen employed in a subway excavation in Manhattan avenue, Brooklyn, were caught by a cavein tonight and it is believed four were killed. Compressed air is being supplied to the others who are entombed 100 feet below the surface.

# According to Public Service Commission Officials in Charge of the Rescue Work, the Imprisoned Men Cannot be Reached for Several Hours and Doubt is Expressed Whether a Sufficient Air Supply will be Provided in the Meantime to Keep the Men Alive.

Two doctors, the first to reach the scene, went into the shaft and talked to the imprisoned men through the compressed air tube.

"Give us air," pleaded the men and a call was sent to the pumps and respirators. A respirator was rigged to the end of the air tube in the hope that the men can be kept alive until the army of rescuers can reach them.

# NATIONAL SECURITY LEAGUE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

## Elihu Root, Honorary President Was Speaker of the Evening.

New York, May 8.—Celebrating its third anniversary with a meeting tonight in the Metropolitan Opera House, the National Security League pledged itself anew to fight for all things American and adopted resolutions urging all Americans to unite more firmly than ever before in supporting the national war policy.

Elihu Root, honorary president of the league and chief speaker of the evening, asserted that the great question which all Americans face is whether the trenches and those at home—must answer is whether this government "because it has been free, because it has left its people free, because it has maintained its freedom in the presence of this great emergency."

There are but two ways out of the war, continued Mr. Root.

"One," he said, "is humiliation, slavery and slavery, for it will be slavery."

"The other is by employing the power of the manhood of this 100,000,000 people; by the united use of the strength that we have been piling up in our security for this century and almost a half, by the exercise of that individual strength and morale which has been the strength of our nation by generations of life and freedom."

# HARTFORD LEADER OF ALL CITIES IN LIBERTY LOAN

## Contributed 251 Per Cent. Over Its Apportionment.

Washington, May 8.—Cities which made the highest subscription percentages of their Liberty loan quotas in their respective population classes were announced today by the treasury.

Above 500,000 population: Boston 155 per cent.; between 50,000 and 100,000 population: Hartford, Conn., 251 per cent.

Hartford is the percentage leader of cities in all classes.

The list of honor flag cities includes: Between 100,000 and 250,000 population: Fall River, Mass., 137; Lowell, Mass., 137; Providence, R. I., 132; Worcester, Mass., 122; New Haven, Conn., 116; between 50,000 and 100,000 population: Portland, Maine, 212; Watbury, Conn., 173; New Bedford 149; Manchester, N. H., 129; Springfield, Mass., 116.

# 1,227,000 MEN IN THE NATIONAL ARMY

## That Number Have Been Called Under Selective Service Act.

Washington, May 8.—To date 1,227,000 Americans have been called to the colors under the selective service act.

Proctor Marshall General Crowder today gave this figure as the approximate strength of the national army.

# MANY ENLISTING FOR NEW MERCHANT MARINE

## Recruits Are Being Assigned to a Ship in Harbor at Boston.

Boston, May 8.—A record was established by the recruiting service of the United States shipping board today when 82 young men were enrolled here to train for the new merchant marine. All were immediately assigned to a training ship now in the harbor. Massachusetts contributed 29 of the number, New York 18, Connecticut 11 and Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine and New Jersey one each.

# More Than 500,000 U.S. Troops in France

STATEMENT AUTHORIZED BY SECRETARY BAKER

# PROMISE IS SURPASSED SEVEN MEN INJURED

Declares There Is No Shortage of Either Light or Heavy Machine Guns in France or America.

Washington, May 8.—More than half a million American soldiers have been sent to France, Secretary Baker today authorized the statement that his forecast to congress in January that 500,000 troops would be despatched to France early in the present year now had been surpassed.

# Secretary Baker's Statement.

"In January I told the senate committee that there was strong likelihood that early in the present year 500,000 American troops would be despatched to France. I cannot either now or perhaps later discuss the number of American troops in France, but I am glad to be able to say that the forecast I made in January has been surpassed."

As a result of a personal investigation of machine gun production

# Exploding Shell Kills 8 American Soldiers

Fort Worth, Texas, May 8.—Eight American soldiers were killed and seven injured more or less seriously near Benbrook, a few miles west of Fort Worth, when a three inch shell exploded at three o'clock this afternoon. One gun crew, made up of members of the headquarters company of the 141 Infantry, was entirely wiped out and a second crew from headquarters company of the 142nd Infantry suffered heavy casualties.

# Cause of the Explosion.

An attempt on the part of a gunner to force the shell, which apparently did not fit down a trench mortar as believed to have been responsible for the accident.

# Condensed Telegrams

Secretary McAdoo is down with tonsillitis.

The Kaiser and Chancellor Hertling conferred at Potsdam.

The Queen Anne National Bank of Ingleside, Md., has a girl teller.

The Pennsylvania Railroad East of Pittsburgh has 55,613 women employed.

Princess Maria del Pilar, cousin of King Alfonso of Spain, has died from meningitis in Madrid.

The employees of the Manhattan State Hospital on Ward's Island have 50 stars in their service flag.

To determine a plan for serving steel a committee of automobile men was named by the War Board.

A marine corps casualty list yesterday shows one man dead from wounds and seven slightly wounded in action.

The Norwegian shipping agreement with the United States is effective May 10. The first ship is due in June.

William B. Colver was appointed chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, succeeding William U. Harris.

The Masonic Grand Lodge in New York began a three-days' convention more than 1,200 representatives attending.

Because of scarcity of freight cars officials of the du Pont Powder mills in Gibbstown, N. J., closed the mills temporarily.

The National Council of Defense will shortly issue an appeal asking the people of the country to save all commodities.

Two German prisoners at Camp McPherson were wounded by the guards when they crossed the dead line and failed to heed orders.

Walter L. Stevens of Northampton was elected grand chancellor of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, at the annual meeting in Boston.

The Paris Municipal Council has decided to send several cases of wine to the French gunners counter-attacking the German long range guns.

The names of 12 Americans were contained on the Canadian casualty list. Two were killed in action, two died of wounds, six wounded and two ill.

Pacido Regueiro, an alleged spy, who had registered in Pittsfield, Mass., was taken from Torrington to Camp Leavenworth by a police officer.

Albert H. Wiggin, New York State fuel administrator, announced that he was resigning from his position as fuel administrator to attend to his bank business.

Secretary Daniels commended Diver Frank A. Anderson for locating and removing several submerged projectiles including a depth charge from New York Navy yard.

Members of the Amherst senior class, who spent their last year in the navy after completing three years of college work, will receive war time degrees at the June commencement.

Sergeant Frank J. Baylies of New Bedford, Mass., an American flyer in France, has brought down seven German airplanes within the last two months, said an official despatch today from France.

President Wilson sent a message to the Boy Scouts asking them to report to the War Department the location throughout the country of black walnut trees, their size the names of their owners and the price they can be bought for.

STORY OF TORPEDOING OF U. S. S. LAKEMOOR

Told by Lieutenant Frank Pulaski, a Survivor.

Chicago, May 8.—A graphic story of the torpedoing of the U. S. S. Lakemoor off the coast of Scotland April 26 was related today by Lieutenant Frank Pulaski, U. S. N., of Chicago, a survivor. The Lakemoor carried a complement of 64 officers and men, forty-six of whom now are missing.

The Lakemoor was torpedoed at 11:20 at night and sank two minutes later, he said. "When she went down I was dragged 25 feet below the surface by the broken. Somehow I succeeded in losing a life raft and on coming to the surface I grasped the raft. Eight others were aboard her, including the captain."

"All about us we could hear cries—pitiful cries from those who were drowning. About a mile away through the murk and obscurity we could see the outline of the U. S. boat. How we cursed those inhuman devils."

"We floated about for two hours and then it was discovered that two of our party were dead. We slid their bodies into the ocean and as they were sucked away some of us sang Nearer, My God, to Thee."

The survivors were rescued after six hours by a Norwegian merchantman and taken to Glasgow, Scotland.

# Hopeful For Billion Bushel Wheat Crop

## FAVORABLE FORECAST IN MAY CROP REPORT

# WINTER WHEAT GOOD

## Secretary Houston Anticipates Increased Farm Yields This Year Over Record Production of Last Year.

Washington, May 8.—Hope for the billion bushel wheat crop, for which the government is striving this year, was strengthened today by the department of agriculture's May crop report forecasting a production of 572,350,000 bushels of winter wheat.

Secretary Houston in statement tonight said there was every reason to anticipate increased farm yields this year over the record production of last year. He added, however, that the promises did not mean that efforts for greater production and for greater conservation.

# Big Winter Wheat Crop.

Realization of a winter wheat crop as large as that forecast would place this year's harvest of that grain as the third largest ever gathered. The estimate is 12,500,000 bushels more than forecast in April from conditions then existing and 154,400,000 bushels more than the crop harvested last summer. On conditions from now until harvest time will depend whether the crop will be larger or smaller than today's forecast based on condition on May 1. In the week ending May 1, the generally favorable weather for wheat developed continued and the crop has made excellent progress in all principal producing areas.

Efforts have been made to stimulate production of spring wheat and preliminary reports indicate an increase in the acreage of that crop which may be sufficient under good growing conditions to bring the total wheat production this year well toward the billion bushel mark. No official report has yet been made on the acreage of spring wheat the first announcement will be made in June. Reports indicate the seed already planted has germinated well generally.

Five production will be a record, the forecast of the crop being \$250,000,000 bushels more than last year's crop.

# NEW ENGLAND STEAMBOATS TO DOCK IN EAST RIVER

## In Compliance With Request of Army and Navy Officials.

New York, May 8.—A request to Director General McAdoo of the railroads to switch the New York terminals of some of the New England steamship companies from the Hudson river to the East river will be made by Murray L. Hulbert, dock commissioner, at a conference with Mr. McAdoo's navy officials in Washington on Saturday, it was announced here today.

Coastwise steamship interests are opposed to the move on the ground that they have been able to handle the freight brought in by the New England lines and that if the change is made it will necessitate the operation of harbor tugs to tow the goods.

Mr. Hulbert said this freight is only 10 per cent. of what the New England companies ship to New York and that there was no valid reason for protesting against the change.

The appeal to Mr. McAdoo is made, Mr. Hulbert explained, because the New England lines are controlled by railroad interests.

# TEUTONIC FRIGHTFULNESS IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

## Made Subject of a German Warning to Neutral Nations.

Washington, May 8.—Teutonic frightfulness as practiced in France and Belgium has been made the subject of a German warning to neutral nations of the fate which they may expect if they take up arms against the Central Powers. The warning was made public today by the state department, its German origin having been established.

"If there are any still thinking of siding with the allies, let them take warning from the fate of others," says the warning. "The fate of others is a circular, which recites the amount of booty seized in France and Belgium, the number of churches damaged and destroyed, the money wrung from the stricken inhabitants and, finally, the deliberate mistreatment of English prisoners of war."

# PERSHING ENTERTAINED U. S. LABOR MISSION

## Members Visit Zone of the American Expeditionary Forces.

With the American Army in France, May 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—The United States labor mission arrived today in the zone of the American expeditionary force. The command was drawn up at attention, but was quickly dismissed. The laborists shook hands with many of the men and heard vivid stories of the fighting at Seicheprey. The party motored through many of the battle towns to general headquarters, where it was entertained at dinner tonight by General Pershing in his chateau.

# QUIET ON BATTLE FRONT WHERE AMERICANS ARE

## With the Exception of Picardy—Principally Because of Bad Weather.

With the American Army in France, May 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—Reprieve received from all the fronts on which the Americans are engaged, with the exception of Picardy, said quiet prevailed tonight, principally because of the bad weather.

# OLD RAILROAD STATION IN NEW HAVEN BURNED

## It Was Being Used Only by Freight Department Clerks.

New Haven, Conn., May 8.—The old railroad station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad here, which has just been abandoned, was burned today. It was only the freight department clerks, the division operating department and the electrical engineering department. Trains are dispatched from the new station fifty yards away.